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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN - U. S. TRACK MEET

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1. HAVE JUST SEEN SCSA SEC GEN GANGA WHO HIGHLY RECEPTIVE TO PROPOSAL THAT WALKER VISIT YAOUNDE AND DAKAR. GANGA HOWEVER HAS EXTENSIVE TRIP SCHEDULED BEGINNING ON APRIL 5 AND WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF WALKER WOULD ARRIVE BEFORE THAT DATE. HE EXPECTS TO BE AWAY FROM YAOUNDE FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS AND SO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

2. GANGA STATED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR WALKER TO COME FIRST TO YAOUNDE TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE DAKAR MEET AND THEN TO PROCEED TO DAKAR WHERE HE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MAINLY INTERESTED IN HOUSING AND OTHER PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS. GANGA OBVIOUSLY HAD HIGH REGARD FOR WALKER AND MOST PLEASED AT PROSPECT HIS VISIT "THE EARLIER THE BETTER".

3. I MENTIONED TO GANGA MY IMPRESSION FROM BRIEF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME THAT AAU CONSIDERED SCSA RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN TRANSPORTING AMERICAN TEAM DIRECTLY FROM EUROPE TO THE U. S. AND TRANSPORTING IT FROM EUROPE VIA DAKAR TO THE U. S. THIS APPEARED TO BE COMPLETELY NEW IDEA TO GANGA WHO WAS MOST PLEASED AT POSSIBILITY. I ADDED AS WELL THAT DEPT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
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OBTAIN SOME SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN
U. S. EARLIER IN CONVERSATION GANGA HAD MENTIONED REACTION
HE HAD ENCOUNTERED IN PRESENTING SCSA BUDGET TO OAU MINISTERS
WITH LARGE ITEM FOR TRANSPORTATION U. S. TEAM AND
BEWILDERMENT THAT POOR AFRICA WAS EXPECTED TO
FINANCE TRANSPORTATION FOR RICH AMERICA. HOWEVER HE DISPLAYED
NO RANCOR AND INDICATED EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO MAKE
TRACK MEET A SUCCESS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS WALKER PLANS ARE FIRMED UP
SO THAT I CAN GIVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE TO GANGA.
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